June 23, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Gifted Education Program - Act No. 2021-342 and ETF Budget Fiscal Year (FY) 2022

For the 2021-2022 school year, the Alabama Legislature set aside $4.875 million for gifted education and each local education agency (LEA) receives funding based on Child Count. According to Act No. 2021-342, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) will offer grants to LEAs for the purpose of developing new advanced educational and specialized programs for gifted or talented children. For the 2021-2022 school year, the cumulative disbursement will be based on a $4 million budget allocation. The remaining $875,000 will be awarded to LEAs through a competitive grant process.

The ALSDE will award available grants to public schools for the purpose of initiating new programs or continuing existing programs to offer advanced and specialized educational services to gifted or talented children. The maximum award for an applicant is $30,000. The appropriate LEA must match five percent (5%) of any grant funds awarded by the ALSDE under this act.

To access the enclosed Application for Gifted and Talented Students Education Program, click on this link: 2021-2022 Grants for Gifted and Talented Education.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ashley Strickland at 334-694-4782.

EGM/AS/MP

Enclosure

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